Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1958, Hugh O'Brian returned from a visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer and he was inspired to start a youth leadership program that has come to be known as HOBY, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program; and,

Whereas, HOBY's mission is to seek out, develop, and recognize leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores, and HOBY's purpose is to teach these individuals "how" to think, not "what" to think; and,

Whereas, The HOBY seminars work to bring today's leaders in touch with tomorrow's leaders, and to prepare the participants to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, schools, workplace, and community; and,

Whereas, The seminar works to improve critical thinking skills, evaluate all issues from a critical perspective, enhance leadership skills, and assist participants to identify their own particular leadership strengths; and,

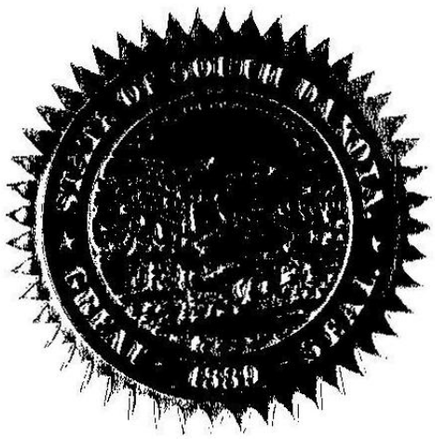
Whereas, The seminar facilitates discussions on democracy, free enterprise, volunteerism, and community service, and encourages the development of goal-setting by using small group discussion sessions with peers as the dominant learning vehicle; and,

Whereas, The 2009 HOBY Leadership Seminar will be held at Vermillion on The University of South Dakota campus on June 12-14:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12-14, 2009, as

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State